

Minutes of the Ivychurch Parish Council

18th December 2003

Present: Edwin Lang, Pat Healey, Judy Suckling, Doug Suckling
Public: no members of the public

1. Apologies

1.1. Caroline Solly

2. Minutes of 20th November 2003

2.1. Approved except spelling mistakes

Action
By

3. Matters arising

3.1. The Arena Playground. Doug had looked at the price list and the cheapest shelter was a minimum of £1,900.00. The old railway station at Lydd was to be changed into a children's entertainment area and it was possible a minibus would collect and return children from our village. It is possible that this would be up and running next year.

3.2. Eddy had tried to contact the person dealing with the endangered sounds but had been unsuccessful. He will pursue this.

Eddy

3.3. Caroline was not present to report on progress on the advertising on the post office.

Caroline

3.4. Doug had not been able to contact David Shell about the information on the Ivychurch website with the intention of either bringing the information up to date and perhaps creating a link from the Marsh 2000 site to the Ivychurch web site but he will do this in the future. Doug would contact Peter Hendry about information about the Church to include in the Marsh 2000 website.

Doug

3.5. Eddy had not had a chance to re-do the advert in the Chocolate Box at Hamstreet for hire of the village hall.

Eddy

3.6. Judy had contacted Peter Wilkinson about the hire and would be sending a bill as soon as possible.

Judy

3.7. Doug said that it was too late to return the Community Survey if he had not already done so, He would check to see if it had been sent.

3.8. The Dog Fouling signs had arrived from Shepway and could now be put up. The children crossing signs would require a site survey by Shepway. Horse riding signs would need to be looked at by SDC

Pat

3.10. Eddy had prepared the metal posts required to be positioned in front of the gap in the hedge opposite the pub. He and Doug would carry out the work in the New Year.

*Eddy,
Doug
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3.11. Doug had written a letter in support to SDC of the appeal by John at Volkesworld that was being held on 25th November. John had thanked Doug for the letter of support. There was no conclusion at present to the result but it was looking favourable for John.

3.12. The insurance for the village hall had been sent but Judy had not had confirmation. She will check that it was in place.

3.13. The Wesleyan Chapel application is to be decided at delegated level by Sue Yates.

Judy

3.14. Eddy had taken the Kent and Sussex Farming Group booklet and explained that the group was overseeing the environmental issues such as the hedgerows and field surrounds. It was decided that the subscription for £35.00 would be supported unanimously.

3.15. Doug and Judy had not attended the All Parish Council Christmas Social.

3.16. Playing Fields – Eddy took for Caroline to read.

3.17. Community and Environment leaflet to be filed for reference on the environment.

Caroline

3.18. Pat to phone SDC about painting the outside of the Council Houses.

Pat

4. Treasurers Report.

4.1. Each councilor was given a copy of the bank movements for November.

5. Village Hall and Green

5.1. KCC had sent a quote for cutting the village green for £432.00 was accepted unanimously.

5.2. Pat had had no correspondence about the Entertainment License and would contact SDC.

Pat

6. Planning Matters

6.1. No Planning Application received this month.

6.2. Martins Farm is being cleared very quickly. Doug had tried to contact Sue Yates 3 times but she had not returned his calls. Doug may contact Jeff Stack.

Doug

7. Highways

7.1. No further matters arising.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Funding Fair to be held on Thursday 5th February at Maidstone. The Council will look at this again in January.

8.2. Notification of a Satellite Post Office meeting to be held on 21st January at 7.30pm – Judy and Doug to attend.

*Doug,
Judy*

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- 8.3. Wild Wood Tree Surgeon – Doug took to read.
8.4. CPA assessment – copies from the website were handed to Eddy and Pat. These to be back to Doug by 9th Jan
8.5. Vision for Kent – Eddy took to read.

*Doug
Eddy,
Pat
Eddy*

9. Budget

9.1. The need for the disabled facilities by October 2004 were discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council could not wholly rely on getting a lottery grant via the IAA. The loss of the Concurrent Service Grants would have an impact on the budget. It was discussed about the closure of the village hall versus the increase of the precept and it was agreed that the precept should be increased to cover the potential for a loan requirement. If the lottery grant application was successful then this would mean that the money could be used for a loan for the roof or for the precept to remain the same in the future. It was unanimously agreed that the precept would be put up to £2,800 for the village.

10. Questions from the public

None

11. Any Other Business

None

12 Dates for next meetings

Dates for next meeting:-

15th January 2004

19th February 2004

18th March 2004

all at 20:00 in the Village Hall

13. Meeting closed at 21.13

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